

Ms. Rosalyn Green

Chair, President and MPC Board of Trustees
980 Fremont Blvd
Monterey, CA 93940

August 20, 2019

Dear Dr. Marilyn Dunn Gustafson:

Inspired by deep love of my family, my Seaside community, the education and support I received as a graduate of Monterey Peninsula College, and the deep desire to be of service and champion the power and need of action that reflects diversity, equity and inclusion, I humbly submit my cover letter and application for consideration for the appointment of the position of Board of Trustee for Area 1, Seaside. I feel that I am uniquely qualified for the role and possess many of the qualities needed for this critical role in our community.

I am a local of close to 50 years. I'm a native born on the former Fort Ord and raised in Seaside. I spent my entire life here on the Peninsula and successfully went through the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District where I was also employed as a classified Physical Education Instructor for 10+ years.

I am a successful graduate of Monterey Peninsula College who stayed to contribute to my immediate community and contributes to the greater Monterey Region. Our family believes in MPC. Speaking to my immediate family, my eldest son is also a graduate alumni and my younger son is now attending as a student athlete.

Supported by family, friends, my community of faith, present elected officials, and former elected officials, I enter into this with a lot of encouragement and champions. I believe this type of backing from my community speaks volume and prepares and inspires me for the upcoming election. I plan to register and run for this seat in November 2020 and am hopeful to receive this jumpstart into my campaign.

I bring solid cultural capital to the table that can amplify student, teacher, staff, faculty, Sand City and Seaside voice. This is evident by the letters of support along with the support I will receive when given the opportunity to offer a presentation on August 29th.

My transferable skills in public administration, non-profit, faith-based work and volunteer experience in the region make me a standout candidate. I believe in the power of civic engagement.

In summary, this is a unique opportunity that not any one person can take on. I feel that I have the passion, background, skills, MPC affinity, love of community, championing of equity, diversity and inclusion that you seek. If selected, you will not be disappointed. I hope you shall look favorably upon my application.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rosalyn Green

Ms. Rosalyn Green

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Name NAACP **Phone** 831-392-3727

Address

Street Address PO Box 782 **City, State, Zip** Seaside CA 93955

Details

Role **From** 2002 **To** Present

Subscribing Silver Life/Executive/Education

Committee Member

Responsibilities

Advocating to raise awareness for educational,
political, social and economic equality in
communities of color

Organization

Name The Village Project, Inc. **Phone** 831-392-1500

Address

Street Address 1069 Broadway Ave. Suite 200-201 **City, State, Zip** Seaside CA 93955

Details

Role Parent Advisory Council Chair **From** 2016 **To** Present

Responsibilities

Educate and facilitate parents participation in schools. Support and speak on behalf of underserved families in the community and before government bodies that make decisions affecting their children.

Organization

Name Monterey High Football and Basketball **Phone** 831-392-3801

Address

Street Address 101 Herrmann Dr. **City, State, Zip** Monterey CA 93940

Details

Role Team Mom/Academic Coach **From** 20015 **To** Present

Responsibilities

Team mom organizes and informs parents of team activities. Assist coaches with fundraisers, equipment and notifications.

Academic coach strengthens learning fitness of student athletes. Inform and encourage student athletes of the collegiate pathway options.

Organization

Name Seaside Middle School PTA **Phone** 831-899-7080

Address

Street Address 999 Coe Ave **City, State, Zip** Saeside CA 93955

Details

Role Member **From** 2019 **To** Present

Responsibilities

My student is entering 6th grade at Seaside Middle School. We have just begun the new school year; roles and responsibilities have not yet been established.

If additional space is required to supply your public and community service background, please upload a separate document. (MS Word or PDF format required)

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Supplemental Questions

(Please limit your responses to 300 words or less.)

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1. Please state why you are seeking appointment to the Monterey Peninsula Community College District Board of Trustees.

As a lifelong learner, I believe education is key. I naturally believe in the Mission of Monterey Peninsula College District. I have a genuine desire to improve the outcomes and bridge academic gaps in communities which District 1 serves. I am committed to helping students understand the education environment and take advantage of the great opportunity MPC offers and its gateway to transfer to a university. I wish to add to this Board of Trustee body my passion for education and community. Because of my years of engagement and commitment, a host of people, to include elected officials, previous elected officials, civic engagement leaders, parents, students/youth, family and friends strongly support and have encouraged me to go forth in this appointment process.

2. Please describe your willingness and availability to participate in MPC regular board meetings, MPC special board meetings, MPC events outside of scheduled board meetings, and trustee conferences.

After reviewing the MPC regular board meeting schedule I am willing and available to attend. I am fortunate to have some flexibility in my work schedule and family dynamics that will also allow me attend other special meetings and events to include traveling to conferences and retreats.

3. Please describe your past and current involvement with MPC, if any.

I enrolled as a student at MPC in Fall of 1989. During that period of time, I was able to complete a significant number of units and qualified for employment through the financial aide work study program. I worked in the counseling department under the direct supervision of Debbie Anthony. During this time, I assisted with the implementation of the Career and Transfer Center. Due to my family dynamics, having two toddlers, I was forced to take a long term break in furthering my education. Some years later, I was able to return and complete necessary courses and receive an AA in General Studies and transfer to CSUMB where I received my BA in Liberal Studies on the Teaching Pathway. Soon after, I enrolled my oldest two children in MPC while they were enrolled at Monterey High. My oldest son later came to MPC as a student athlete where he too graduated and transferred to Lincoln University in Missouri and received his BA in Liberal Arts on the Education Pathway. Continuing this great family tradition with MPC, my younger son is currently attending MPC as a student athlete with plans to graduate and transfer.

4. Please describe your involvement with any other community or business activities that you believe are relevant to the role of a member of the MPC Board of Trustees.

A few very important roles of a member of the MPC Board of Trustees are being committed to the value of education and being active in community. I am currently actively involved in Monterey Peninsula Unified School District as a strong community voice and advocate. I attend regular and special board meetings to include the board retreats and bring information gathered back to the community. I work with parents and students with backgrounds where further education is not thought about or considered. I have been successful in changing that narrative for multi-racial and multi-generational - both young and old people in the community. I have reached neighboring communities in both Monterey and Marina as well. I also have strong ties to CSUMB and the Director of Admissions. I believe MPC is the bridge between these two local entities.

5. What is your view of the role and responsibilities of a community college trustee?

I believe wholeheartedly in the roles and responsibilities outlined by the Community College League of California. It is my civic duty to remain open minded and seek to learn about and understand all interest in the community. It is important to reflect an attitude of community service always keeping in mind it is our responsibility to promote the public good over single interests. I am excited to learn more about community colleges in general, specifically MPC and MPC's governing responsibility.

6. Please describe your experience with the Brown Act and parliamentary procedures.

Having previously worked for Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA), I gained a working knowledge as used in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order manual of parliamentary procedures. I have been attending meetings regularly for several years and have been on boards that follow this order. In my previous employment with FORA, I prepared agendas and packets to include minutes from prior meetings also giving me years of experience in preparing for public meetings. I am aware of The Ralph M. Brown Act and understand public business must be conducted in public and closed session discussions are to remain confidential to the board. I continue to update my awareness when newly revised versions are available.

7. What skills and experience do you have to help us achieve our Governing Board Goals for 2019?

Many of my skills and much of my experience and have already been mentioned. Let me target a few areas that may not have stood out as it pertains to our Governing Board Goals for 2019. I know the importance of employing and working with an effective and visionary President. Developing relationship with the new Interim President and building rapport across the Board of Trustees is a step in achieving this goal. I come with a willingness to work with the Governing Board and learn from them as well. It is critical to be responsive and advocate for the educational needs of the community. I offer a continuous commitment in engaging the voice of the Seaside and Sand City communities, students, staff, faculty and administration. I will strive to maintain an equitable culture at MPC where student success is the focus and all employees are valued by actively listening to and meeting their needs. Last but not least, I will work to find ways to increase college-wide efficiency to help ensure and secure fiscal sustainability.

8. In your opinion, what are some of MPC's greatest needs and how would you help MPC meet those needs?

I believe the greatest needs are to ensure MPC sets and achieves institutional goals that are aligned with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Vision for Success as established in our Governing Board Goals for 2019. We must also continue to implement board policy to increase diversity among faculty and staff to reflect our community and eliminate achievement gaps among marginalized students. I will help MPC meet those needs by bringing my understanding, balance and team efforts to strategically find pathways that support this goal.

9. How would you engage the community to understand the needs of the institution?

My plan is to routinely make presentations at both Sand City and Seaside City Council Meetings bringing updates to the communities at these public venues. Also, to host town hall meetings and listening sessions in both communities. I will continue to attend events and represent MPC increasing awareness whenever opportunity presents.

10. What does diversity mean to you, and why is this important?

Diversity is a wide range of differences to include race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, social and economic background, physical ability, religious or ethical values, national origin and political beliefs. This is extremely important to me being an African American woman from a historically underserved community in Seaside. MPC has been a champion in many areas in regards to diversity. I am a product of this truth. What could have been a difficult experience for me was extremely enlightening. I was given opportunities and experiences that neither of my parents were afforded. Diversity is extremely important in schools because these institutions are ever-changing and increasingly consist of various cultural, racial, and ethnic groups. Diversity allows us to recognize and respect each others differences. The beauty of diversity makes for better quality of life for the whole. It has been and will continue to be my desire to pay it forward.

Supplemental Documents

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Please upload your cover letter addressed to the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Marilyn Dunn Gustafson. (MS Word or PDF format required)

Disclaimer and Certification

I understand that I may not be an employee of the district and serve as a member of the board. I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements. [To be eligible, an individual: must be at least 18 years old; must be a registered voter in, and a resident of, Trustee Area 1 (Seaside/Sand City, California); and must not be disqualified from holding civil office by the Constitution or any law of the state.]

I agree with this statement